

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

MELVIN COCHRAN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CV422-171
)	
CHRISTOPHER J. GODFREY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Court granted Plaintiff Melvin Cochran leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”), screened his Complaint, recommended dismissal of one claim and directed him to file an Amended Complaint. Doc. 11 at 7. The deadline for his filing has passed, *id.*, without any response, *see generally* docket. This case should, therefore, be **DISMISSED** in its entirety for Cochran’s failure to obey the Court’s Order and his failure to prosecute his case. The Court’s prior recommendation that one of Cochran’s claims be dismissed is **VACATED**. Doc. 11, in part.

This Court has the authority to prune cases from its dockets where parties have failed to comply with its Orders. *See* S.D. Ga. L.R. 41.1(b); *see also Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962) (courts have

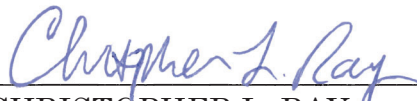
the inherent authority to dismiss claims for lack of prosecution); *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-op*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989) (“The district court possesses the inherent power to police its docket.”); *Jones v. Graham*, 709 F.2d 1457, 1458 (11th Cir. 1983); *Floyd v. United States*, CV491-277 (S.D. Ga. June 10, 1992). Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Complaint should **DISMISSED** for his failure to comply with the Court’s Order and his failure to prosecute this action.

This report and recommendation (R&R) is submitted to the district judge assigned to this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and this Court’s Local Rule 72.3. Within 14 days of service, any party may file written objections to this R&R with the Court and serve a copy on all parties. The document should be captioned “Objections to Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendations.” Any request for additional time to file objections should be filed with the Clerk for consideration by the assigned district judge.

After the objections period has ended, the Clerk shall submit this R&R together with any objections to the assigned district judge. The district judge will review the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The parties are

advised that failure to timely file objections will result in the waiver of rights on appeal. 11th Cir. R. 3-1; *see Symonette v. V.A. Leasing Corp.*, 648 F. App'x 787, 790 (11th Cir. 2016); *Mitchell v. United States*, 612 F. App'x 542, 545 (11th Cir. 2015).

SO REPORTED AND RECOMMENDED, this 1st day of November, 2022.



CHRISTOPHER L. RAY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA